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SUBJECT: CLAIMS OF BURK AGAINST LOS TRES CABALLOS

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1. LOS TRES CABALLOS IS A GROUP OF CORPORATIONS WITH SHARETHE SYRIAN-BORN BAYZID FAMILY. THE CORPORATIONS SOLD TOURIST PROPERTIES, MANAGED THESE PROPERTIES FOR THE PRIMARILY FOREIGN INVESTORS AND MANAGED A LARGE HOTEL-APARTMENT COMPLEX CALLED 5#3 048,;803 9559.-, 8, 59443.9)8,9 . HOTEL WENT OUT OF BUSINESS IN AUGUST 1974 AND ITS FACILITIES AND LONGTERM CONTRACTS WERE RECENTLY SOLD FOR A REPORTEDLY UNCONSCIONABLY LOW PRICE.

2. AFTER HOTEL FAILED; COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT BE REACHED BY MAIL OR TELEPHONE AND BUSINESS OFFICES WERE CLOSED. THE DIRECTORS APPARENTLY FLED SPAIN AND SIGNIFICANT IRREGULARITIES HAVE BEEN REVEALED IN THEIR LAND INVESTMENT BUSINESS. TITLE DEEDS WERE NOT RECORDED FOR MANY SALES. PERSONAL CONTRACTS OF SALE, NOW WORTHLESS, WERE DELIVERED AS EVIDENCE OF THE INVESTORS' PURCHASES IN LIEU OF DEEDS. MONEY PAID BY INVESTORS FOR TAXES AT TIME OF PURCHASE WERE NOT TRANSFERRED TO SPANISH AUTHORITIES BUT WERE DIVERTED TO OTHER COMPANY USES. MANY APARTMENTS SOLD WERE NEVER CONSTRUCTED AND MANY BEGUN NEVER COMPLETED.

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3. SEVERAL PEOPLE SEEM WILLING TO COORDINATE A CLASS ACTION KIND OF RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS I.E. WINTHROP STILES OF 2020 LONDONTOWN LANE, TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA 32780 IS WORKING WITH

SPANISH LAWYER EMILIO BASSY-GREVE. STILES ASKED US TO REFER ANY OTHER AMERICAN INVESTORS TO HIM IN ORDER THAT HE COULD KEEP THEM INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY WERE REPORTED TO HIM BY BASSY-GREVE. ANOTHER SPANISH ATTORNEY TOMAS FERNANDEZ GARCIA CLAIMS TO BE IN CONTACT WITH OLD MANAGEMENT WHO TOLD HIM OF LAND STILL OWNED BY THE COMPANY ON THE COSTA DEL SOL, WHICH COULD BE EXCHANGED IN SETTLEMENT OF INVESTORS' CLAIMS. THIS SAME STATEMENT WAS MADE BY ONE OF BYZIDS TO CONSULAR OFFICER WHEN FIRMS PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED EARLY IN 1974.

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4. DUE TO DIVIDED CORPORATE STRUCTURE OF L.T.C. SEVERAL GROUPS OF INVESTORS HAVE BEEN FORMED WITH DIFFERING AND POSSIBLY OPPOSING INTERESTS.. WE ARE THEREFORE SKEPTICAL OF PLANS FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS OUT OF COURT. ASSETS MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO A FEW QUICKLY WITHOUT ALL CLAIMS JUDICIALLY PROTECTED. SOME OF THE CORPORATIONS ARE STILL LEGALLY OPERATIVE AND MAY BE VEHICLES FOR BLEEDING THOSE WITH SUSPENDED OPERATIONS.

5. WE ARE TO MEET WITH ABOVE MENTIONED LAWYERS TO POSSIBLY LEARN THE VALUE OF THEIR PLANS. WE CAN PROBABLY NOT ACCOMPLISH AN INVESTIGATION THAT WOULD FULLY PROTECT AMERICAN CITIZENS AND ADVISE INQUIRERS THAT THEY SHOULD OBTAIN PRIVATE REPRESENTATIVES TO OVERSEE THEIR INTERESTS.

6. BAYZIDS MAY HAVE VIOLATED U.S. LAW AND MAY HAVE FUNDS THERE WHICH CAN BE ATTACHED FOR PAYMENTS OF CIVIL DAMAGES. AMMAR SABRI BAYZID IS A RESIDENT ALIEN OPERATION AMOR TOURS, LTD., 18 EAST 48TH STREET, NEW YORK. OTHER BAYZIDS TO WHOM VISAS HAVE BEEN GRANTED ARE: BICHR, BUSER SABRI, HASSAN, ISSAM

EL-AYHAM, MOHAMMAD M. SABRI, NADER, SOLVEIG AND TARIQ ALLAHBI.
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